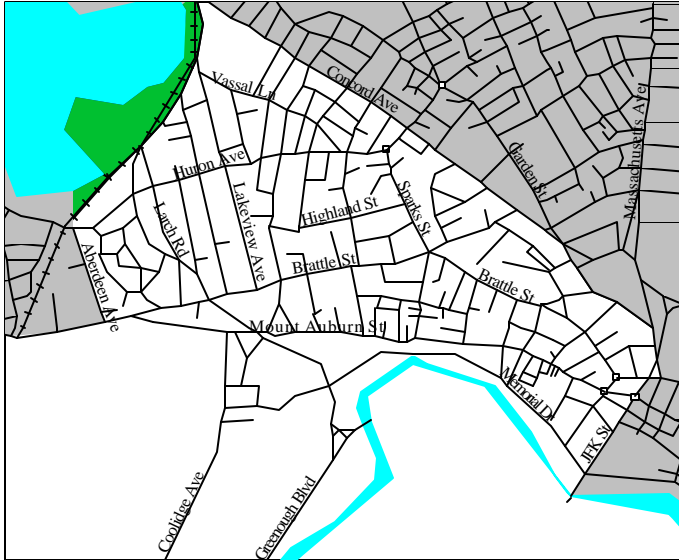
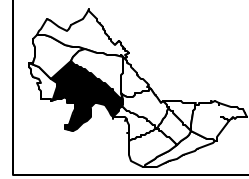


# NEIGHBORHOOD 10

## WEST CAMBRIDGE



**BOUNDARIES:** bounded by the Charles River, JFK Street, Garden Street, Concord Avenue, Fresh Pond, Aberdeen Avenue, and the Watertown line

**POPULATION:** 8,266 residents  
3,887 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$54,656

Neighborhood #10 is encompassed by the patrol boundaries of Car 4 (2 officers) and Cars 10R and 13R (1 officer cars). It also includes walking routes 10A, 10B, 10C, and 16X.

### 2002 FIRST QUARTER REVIEW

West Cambridge has reported significant increases and decreases in crimes as housebreaks and street robberies saw a large increase while motor vehicle larcenies and acts of malicious destruction decreased by 50% or more. • **Housebreaks** rose considerably to 11, a 175% increase from 2001. The large increase can be attributed to the oriental rug pattern established in early March. The suspects would enter single-family homes on Wednesdays and Thursdays during work and school day hours while the residents were not present. The items targeted were high-end belongings: oriental rugs, jewelry, laptops, and antiques. With the work of detectives and patrol officers, two suspects were arrested, and the pattern ceased. One break was a domestic while one arrest was a young homeless male looking for shelter in a home under construction. • The three **street robberies** occurred on the outskirts of Harvard Square between 7:00 pm-10:00 pm. In two instances, weapons were produced as a victim was slashed with a knife in one instance. • There was one **drug arrest**, incident to a shoplifting charge. The male perpetrator was arrested for shoplifting and upon search two bags of heroin and a prescription pill were found.

### COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS FIRST QUARTER 2001 & 2002

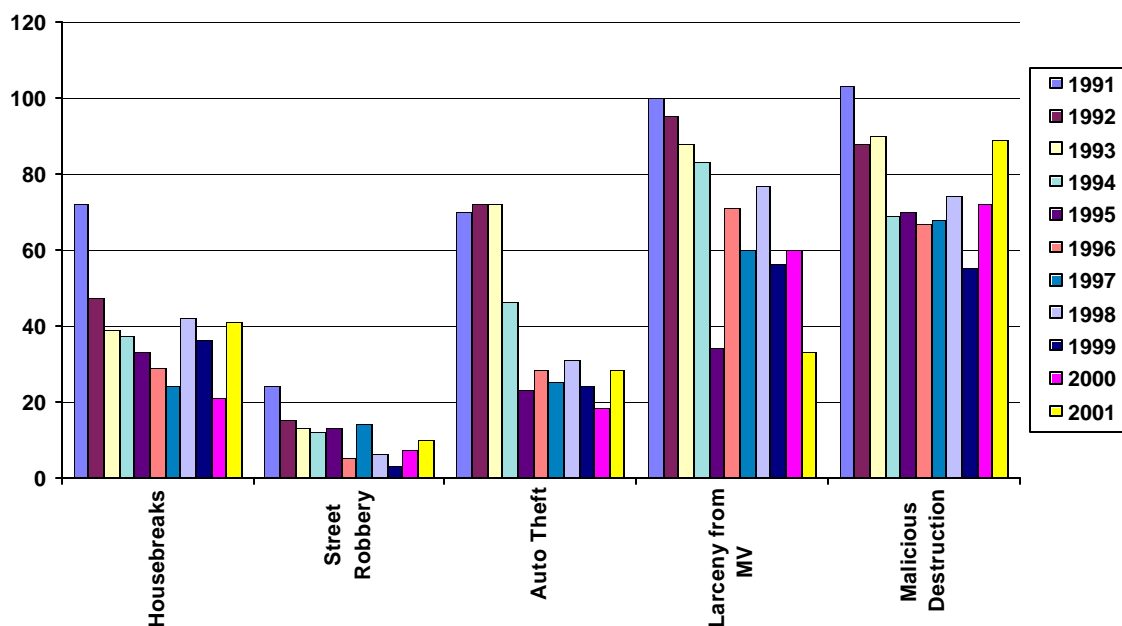
CRIME	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2001	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2002	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	4	11	+175%
Street Robbery	0	3	<i>Inc.</i>
Auto Theft	4	4	N.C.
Larceny from MVs	12	6	-50%
Malicious Destruction	20	9	-55%

Drug Arrests	1	1	N.C.
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## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

West Cambridge is, geographically, the largest neighborhood in the city. Its east end contains a good portion of Harvard Square, bustling with commercial traffic; its western border is marked by Fresh Pond and Kingsley Park. In between are the beautiful homes of Brattle Street, the expansive Cambridge Cemetery, Mount Auburn Hospital, and half a dozen elementary schools. *Harvard University, which has its own police department, patrols Harvard property in the eastern part of the neighborhood. Our statistics do not reflect most incidents that occur on Harvard University property.*

- Almost all of West Cambridge's target crimes are lower than average, its population is slightly higher than average.
- **Larceny from motor vehicles**, is concentrated in the area bordered by Sparks, Brattle, and Mount Auburn Street. The incidents occur primarily on weekends, late at night. The related crime of **malicious destruction** registers at average levels.
- **Housebreaks**, recently believed to be almost eliminated, have returned with a large increase in the last month of the quarter. The Oriental rug pattern in the more affluent areas of this neighborhood accounted for most of the breaks during the first three months.
- **Bicycle theft** patterns strike the Harvard Square area each spring and summer. The large number of bicycles parked in the area lead to high levels of theft. **Larcenies from Persons** become a problem every spring and summer around the Square and in its many commercial establishments.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR WEST CAMBRIDGE AREA TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2001*
Housebreaks	105	4	38	8	8
Street Robbery	18	7	12	9	7
Auto Theft	105	6	42	8	9
Larceny from MVs	134	3	70	5	8
Malicious Destruction	92	8	75	7	5

\*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest